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holds with a 7 percent solution of carbolic acid. So far as I could ascertain, there has been no serious effort made to destroy rats on board a vessel infected with plague.

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With regard to the necessity for the appointment of a sanitary inspector at Nagasaki, I would say, that in view of the fact of large numbers of vessels arriving and departing from this place, particularly those destined for the United States ports, I deem it necessary to recommend the appointment of a local physician to act as sanitary inspector here. I have made inquiries of acting consul, Mr. Fisher, who is of the opinion that some medical representative of our Government should be attached to the consulate, because there are so many questions of a medical nature coming up which should necessarily be decided by a medical man.

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So far plague or cholera has not gained a foothold in Nagasaki, although it is not improbable that it may do so in the near future.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### *Reports from Yokohama.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *December 30, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this port during the week ended December 28, 1901.

Five vessels were inspected with a total of 277 crew, 10 cabin and 281 steerage passengers. Of the steerage passengers 213 from this port were bathed and their effects were disinfected. No deaths have been reported from smallpox, cholera, or plague.

Respectfully,

J. SPENCER HOUGH,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 6, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of bills of health issued at this port during the week ended January 4, 1902.

There were inspected 5 vessels with a total crew of 386, cabin passengers 24, and steerage passengers 377. Two hundred and forty-four steerage passengers from this port were bathed and their effects were disinfected.

The health of the port remains good and no cholera, smallpox, or plague has been reported.

Respectfully,

J. SPENCER HOUGH,  
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